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AND WORK/CHAMBER ROOM

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The following are photocopies of photographs on file at the Submarine Force Library and Museum, Naval Submarine Base, New London:

- CT-37-A-28 VIEW OF OCTAGONAL SPREAD FOOTING AND HOLD-DOWN RODS [1929], SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING TANK
- CT-37-A-29 VIEW OF SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING TANK DURING CONSTRUCTION AT POINT JUST ABOVE THE SUBMARINE SECTION AT THE 110-FOOT LEVEL [1929-1930]
- CT-37-A-30 VIEW OF PHOTO CAPTIONED "SUBMARINE BASE, NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT. 2 JUNE 1930. SUBMARINE TRAINING TANK STEELWORK 98% COMPLETE; BRICKWORK 95% COMPLETE, PIPING 10% IN PLACE. LOOKING NORTH. CONTRACT NO. Y-1539-ELEVATOR, SUBMARINE ESCAPE TANK."
- CT-37-A-31 VIEW OF SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING TANK DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE ELEVATOR AND PASSAGEWAYS TO THE 18- AND 50-FOOT LOCKS AND CUPOLA [1932]
- CT-37-A-32 VIEW OF PHOTO CAPTIONED "SUBMARINE BASE, NEW LONDON, CONN. OCTOBER 3, 1932. COMPLETION OF ERECTION OF STEELWORK FOR ELEVATOR. LOOKING NORTH. CONTRACT NO. Y-1539-ELEVATOR, SUBMARINE ESCAPE TANK."
- CT-37-A-33 VIEW LOOKING UP EAST SIDE OF SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING TANK [No date]
- CT-37-A-34 VIEW OF SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING TANK PRIOR TO ADDITION OF BLISTERS IN 1959, LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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- CT-37-A-35 INTERIOR VIEW OF EQUIPMENT HOUSE, SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING TANK, PRIOR TO ENLARGEMENT OF ROOM AND INSTALLATION OF TRIPLE-LOCK RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER IN 1957
- CT-37-A-36 VIEW OF CUPOLA, SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING TANK, SHOWING ROVING RESCUE BELL SUSPENDED ABOVE TANK, WITH TWO-LOCK RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER AT REAR, LOOKING WEST. Photo taken after installation of recompression chamber in 1956.
- CT-37-A-37 INTERIOR VIEW OF TANK FROM THE TOP, SHOWING LADDERS ON SIDES AND THE WATERTIGHT DOOR OF THE 18-FOOT LOCK [No date]
- CT-37-A-38 INTERIOR VIEW OF TANK. Suspended wooden platform obscures bottom of tank [No date]
- CT-37-A-39 VIEW OF TRAINEE EMERGING FROM ON THE AIR LOCKS INTO THE SUBMARINE ESCAPE TRAINING TANK. HIGH HOOKA STRADDLES DOOR AT LEFT, WHILE LOW HOOKA ASSISTS TRAINEE [No date]
- CT-37-A-40 VIEW LOOKING IN TANK JUST OUTSIDE DOOR TO AIR LOCK. HIGH HOOKA IS POSITIONING THE STEINKE HOOD ON THE TRAINEE, WHILE LOW HOOKA HOLDS HIM IN PLACE [No date]
- CT-37-A-41 VIEW LOOKING IN TANK, SHOWING TRAINING DURING ASCENT (WEARING STEINKE HOOD) AT RIGHT, DIVING INSTRUCTOR AT LEFT MAINTAINING HIS POSITION ON THE WIRE [No date]
- CT-37-A-42 VIEW SHOWING A GROUP OF TRAINEES DURING 50-LB PRESSURE TEST IN RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER IN EQUIPMENT HOUSE [No date]

The following are photographic copies of drawings and blueprints of the submarine escape training tank, filed under "Building 70" in the Engineering Section, Public Works Office, Naval Submarine Base, New London:

- CT-37-A-43 GENERAL PLAN OF TANK, Y&D No. 107721 Scales 3/16" and 3/4" = 1'; July 2, 1929
- CT-37-A-44 TANK LOFT: PLANS, ELEVATIONS AND DETAILS, Y&D No. 107722 Scales as indicated; July 2, 1929

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CT-37-A-45	STEEL FRAMING FOR LOFT, Y&D No. 107723 Scales 1/2" and 1-1/2" = 1"; July 2, 1929
CT-37-A-46	DETAILS OF PLATFORMS & STAIRS, Y&D No. 107724 Scales 3/4" = 1' and as indicated; July 2, 1929
CT-37-A-47	FOUNDATION PLAN, Y&D No. 107725 Scales as noted; July 2, 1929
CT-37-A-48	DETAILS OF AIR LOCKS, Y&D No. 107726 Scale 3/4" = 1'; July 2, 1929
CT-37-A-49	DETAILS OF SUBMARINE SECTION, Y&D No. 107727 Scale 3/8" and 1-1/2" = 1'; July 2, 1929
CT-37-A-50	PIPING FOR SUBMARINE SECTION, Y&D No. 107728 Scale 3/8" = 1'; August 26, 1929
CT-37-A-51	LOFT. HEATING. PLANS, ELEVATIONS 7 DETAILS, Y&D No. 107729 Scales $3/16$ ", $1/4$ ", $1/2$ ", and 1 " = 1'; July 2, 1929
CT-37-A-52	EQUIPMENT HOUSE, Y&D No. 107730 Scales 1/4", 3/8", 3/4", 1-1/2" and 3" = 1'; July 2, 1929
CT-37-A-53	EQUIPMENT HOUSE AND PIPING, PLANS AND ELEVATION, Y&D No. 107731

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